

Vivian Lowery Derryck, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Africa, Agency for International Development, George Williford Boyce Haley, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Paul L. Cejas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Belgium, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Nancy Halliday Ely-Raphel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Edward L. Romero, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Cynthia Perrin Schneider, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia, after the nominees testified

and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Derryck was introduced by Senator Glenn and Representative Payne, Mr. Haley was introduced by Senators Cochran and Roberts, Mr. Stith was introduced by Senators Kennedy and Kerry, Mr. Cejas was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Mr. Romero was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

MERGERS AND CORPORATE CONSOLIDATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the economic trends, size, scope and consequences associated with the current merger wave that is affecting a wide range of industries in the American economy, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4057–4058, 4061–4068; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 122, and H. Res. 473–474, were introduced. **Page H4628**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–578)

H. Res. 471, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts (H. Rept. 105–579);

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of H.R. 3097, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (H. Rept. 105–580);

H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–581); and

H. Res. 463, to establish a select committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, amended (H. Rept. 105–582). **Page H4628**

Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Radanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4569**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H4575**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar the House passed H.R. 375, amended, for the relief of Margarito Domantay; and H.R. 1949, amended, for the relief of Nuratu Olarewaju Abeke Kadiri. **Page H4576**

Presidential Message—Chemical Weapons: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning cost-sharing arrangements with respect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H4577**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Mandela: H.R. 3156, to present a congressional gold medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela; **Pages H4577–85**

Fastener Quality Act Amendments: H.R. 3824, amended, amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft; **Pages H4585–90**

Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act: Senate amendment to H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 232)—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H4590–94, H4608**

California Indian Policy Extension Act: H.R. 3069, to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council; **Pages H4594–95**

Rogue River National Forest: H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management; **Pages H4595–97**

National Drought Policy Act: H.R. 3035, amended, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; **Pages H4597–99**

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: H. Res. 399, amended, urging the Congress and the President to work to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Agreed to amend the title; and **Pages H4599–H4603**

Ending of Social Promotion In America's Schools: H. Res. 401, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that social promotion in America's schools should be ended and can be ended through the use of high-quality, proven programs and practices (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 233). **Pages H4603–08, H4608–09**

Late Report—Appropriations: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Tuesday, June 16 to file reports on H.R. 4059, making appropriations for Military Construction and H.R. 4060, making appropriations for Energy and Water Development. **Pages H4610–11**

Late Report—Rules Committee: The Committee on Rules received permission to have until midnight on Tuesday, June 16 to file a report on H. Res. 463, to establish a select committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China. **Page H4619**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4569.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4629–36.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4608 and H4608–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATION BILLS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999: Energy and Water Development; Military Construction; and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

The Committee also approved Section 302(b) Budget Allocations for fiscal year 1999.

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 3637, Children's Development Commission Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 3610, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEAMSTERS FINANCE REPORTING AND PENSION DISCLOSURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on International Brotherhood of Teamsters Financing Reporting and Pension Disclosures. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.